



"Project Management" in the field of Tourism, Cultural Heritage Management and GIS

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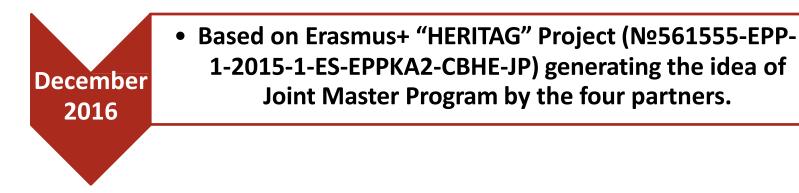












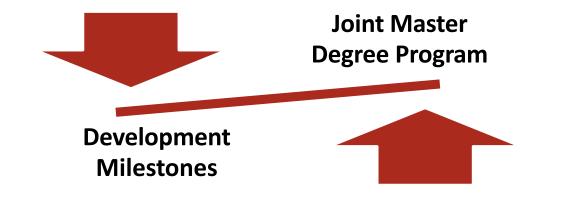


















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April, May 2017 Launch the development of Joint Master Program on Project Management in the field of Tourism, Cultural Heritage Management and GIS.











MASTER OF SCIENCE

One year students study in Armenia (ASUE and NUACA) and one year in Spain (UPV). As a fully integrated program, students study both technical/engineering and management/economics courses each year.

"PROJECT MANAGEMENT"

The curriculum requires 120 ECTS. Length of study is two years.

Program competences (knowledge, skills and attitude) are categorized into two divisions: - Technical

- Management/Economics

Language of instruction is English.

























The main aim of the Joint Master's Program in Project Management is to prepare highly-qualified Project Managers who will be able to work in all sectors of Economy through effective combination of Management and Technical Competences.

Students will be able to apply their knowledge of business and management and technical knowledge to any organization within the public, private and non-profit sector, allowing them to provide an added value to the position.

The need for interdisciplinary academic program is driven from research results in Universities, and results from survey conducted within "HERITAG" Project. Students will proactively position themselves to stand on the threshold of two disciplines, demonstrating a capacity for multiple lines of thinking, problem solving, and framing that will help to have a measurable impact on ability to make a contribution in future profession.



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Signing Cooperation Contract between ASUE and NUACA





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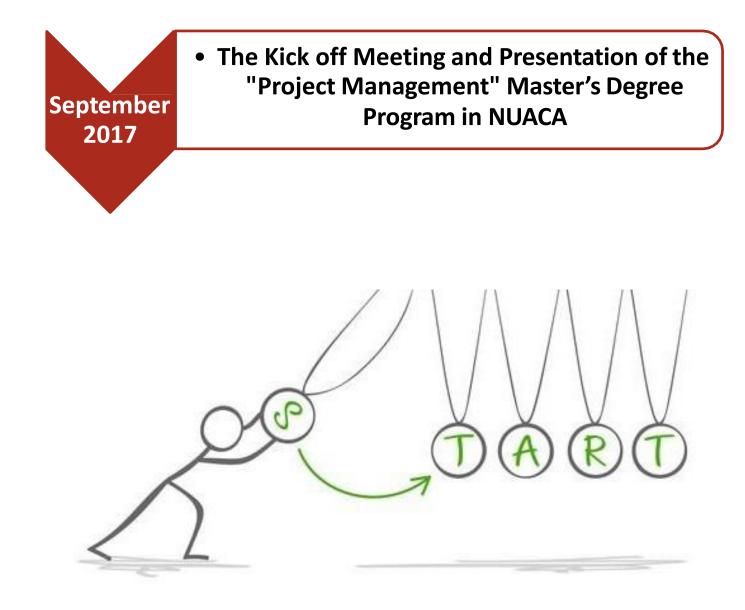


Admission

June-July 2017

Հայաստանի պետական տնտեսագիտական համալսարանը /ՀՊՏՀ/, Ճարտարապետության և շինարարության Հայաստանի ազգային համալսարանը/ ՃՇՀԱՀ/, Վալենսիայի պոլիտեխնիկական համալսարանի (Իսպանիա) և Բոլոնիայի Համալսարանի Ռիմինիի տնտեսագիտական ֆակուլտետի (Իտալիա) հետ իրականացնում են համատեղ մագիստրոսական կրթական ծրագիր «Նախագծերի կառավարումը զբոսաշրջության և անշարժ գույքի ոլորտներում» մասնագիտությամբ՝ համատեղելով կառավարման ունակությունները, տեխնիկական իմացությունը ճարտարապետության և շինարարության, գեոինֆորմացիոն համակարգերի ասպարեզներում։ Կրթական ծրագիրը կավարտվի եռակի որակավորմամբ. ուսանողներին դիպլոմներ կշնորհեն ՀՊՏՀ-ն, ՃՇՀԱՀ-ն և Վայենսիայի Պոլիտեխնիկական համալսարանը։ Ուսումնառության առաջին երկու կիսամյակները ուսանողները կուսումնառեն ՀՊՏՀ-ում և ՃՇՀԱՀ-ում՝ իրենց կարգավիճակով (անվճար կամ վճարովի), երկրորդ տարին՝ Վայենսիայի պոլիտեխնիկական համայսարանում՝ Բոլոնիայի համայսարանում պրակտիկա անցնելու հնարավորությամբ (վճարովի)։ Հաշվի առնելով համատեղ կրթական ծրագրի առանձնահատկությունները, շրջանավարտները հնարավորություն կունենան աշխատելու որպես նախագծերի կառավարիչներ ինչպես տուրիզմի և մշակութային ժառանգության պահպանման, այնպես էլ անշարժ գույքի կառավարման, ճարտարապետության և շինարարության ոլորտներում։ Եռակի դիպյոմները հնարավորություն կտան շրջանավարտներին աշխատելու ինչպես Հայաստանի, այնպես էլ Եվրոպալի աշխատաշուկալում։ Տվյալ մագիստրոսական կրթական ծրագրի մրցույթին կարող են մասնակցել Կառավարման բակալավրի կամ մագիստրոսի որակավորում ունեցող, ինչպես նաև ՀՊՏՀ հարակից մասնագիտությունների շրջանավարտները։ Ընդունելությունը կատարվում է հարցագրույցով, որի ժամանակ ստուգվում է նաև անգլերենի տիրապետման մակարդակը։ Անվճար մրցույթին կարող են մասնակցել միայն այն դիմորդները, ովքեր նշված կամ այլ մասնագիտությունների գծով 2017-18 ուս. տարում ընդունվել են ՀՊՏՀ անվճար ուսուցման մագիստրատուրա։ Ուսման վարձր ՀՀ-ում ուսումնառության ընթացքում կազմում է տարեկան 620.000 դրամ։

Վալենսիայի պոտլիտեխնիկական համալսարանում ուսումը շարունակելու համար դիմորդները պետք է տիրապետեն անգլերենին, քանի որ բոլոր դասընթացները կազմակերպվելու են բացառապես անգլերենով։ Նշված մագիստրոսական կրթական ծրագրով նախատեսված կրեդիտների առնվազն 30%-ը (40 կրեդիտ) ուսանողները պետք է կուտակեն Վալենսիայի պոլիտեխնիկական համալսարանում, որպեսզի ստանան նաև տվյալ համալսարանի դիպլոմ։ Մեկ կրեդիտի արժեքը Վալենսիայում ուսումնառության ժամանակ, կախված դասընթացի առանձնահատկություններից, կազմում է 25-60 եվրո։ Այդ դեպքում մագիստրոսական թեզը գրվում է անգլերենով, իսկ պաշտպանությունը տեղի է ունենալու Վալենսիայում՝ երեք բուհերի համատեղ հանձնաժողովի մասնակցությամբ։





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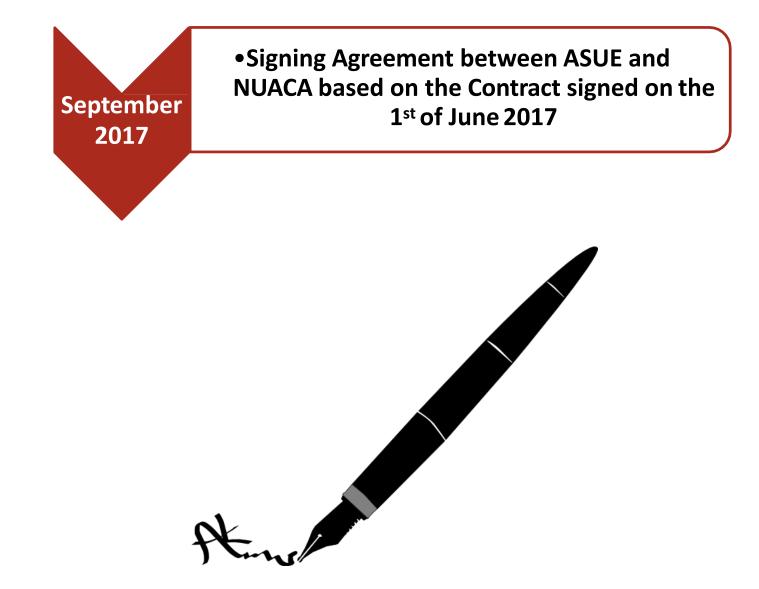














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• Students' life, presentations, classes

































Year: 2017/2018

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE				
FOR ASSESSMENT	OF THE ACADEMIC COURSE IMPLEMENTA	TION		

The aim of this anonymous survey is to assess and improve the teaching, learning and assessment of the academic course.

Specialty/Specialization:

Qualification level: 🗆 Bachelor 🗆 Master	Year of Study: 🗆 1 🗆 2 🗆 3 🗆 4
Course title:	
Teacher:	

Based on your experience within this specific course, please, rate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the below listed statements on a scale of 1-4, taking into account that 1 is the lowest and 4 is the highest (i.e. 1- "Strongly disagree", 4-"Strongly agree"). Please clearly cross the appropriate box: 🖂.

Section 1: COURSE CONTENT	1	2	3	4
1. The course program (goals, content, learning outcomes, and knowledge assessment criteria, etc.) was clearly presented in the beginning of the course				
2. The course was delivered according to the provided curricula (course description)				
3. Each module/topic and assignments were necessary for achievement of the course learning outcomes				C
4. Lecturing and course assignments (e.g. projects, academic papers, etc.) were related and complemented each other				
Allocated time and schedule (ECTS credits) were enough for reaching the course outcomes				
6. The course increased my interest in the subject				

Further comments on the course content:

Se	ction 2: TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT	1	2	3	4
7.	The teacher managed classroom well				E
8.	The teacher managed class time and pace well and presented/discussed the whole material of each course topic				C
9.	The teacher used a variety of appropriate instructional methods to reach the course objectives (e.g. group work, case studies, student presentations, etc.)				C
10	. The teacher demonstrated deep knowledge of the subject				E
11	. The course provided an appropriate balance between theory and practice				C
12	. Course material has been delivered in a clear and accessible manner				C
13	The teacher encouraged students openly express different opinions on course relevant topics				C
14	. Knowledge assessment methods, criteria and form were related to the learning outcomes of the course and enabled to evaluate the academic performance				C
15	. The teacher provided clear constructive feedback on assignments and assessment				C
16	. The teacher conducted all necessary consultations and has been helpful				C

17. Considering both the limitations and possibilities of the subject matter and the course, how would you rate this teacher's teaching methods and style?

□ Poor □ Fair □ Good

□ Excellent

18.	What did you like best about the teacher's teaching?	What did you like least about the teacher's teaching?

Further comments on teaching and assessment:

Se	ection 3: LEARNING MATERIALS AND RESOURCES	1	2	3	4
1.	The course delivery was supported by adequate resources (e.g. handouts, books, class, computers, etc.)				
2.	Teaching materials (lectures) were from different sources and up-to-date				
3.	Appropriate resources (room, materials, library facilities, etc.) for task assignments were accessible				
4.	Teaching and learning environment was conductive to learning				

Further comments on the learning materials and resources:

Section 4: OVERALL EXPERIENCE

5. What overall rating would you give to this course?

□ Poor

□ Fair

□ Excellent

6. In your opinion, to what extent does this course contribute to the acquisition of the course learning outcomes?

□ Good

□ Does not contribute □ Partly □ Fully

Please mention advantages and disadvantages of the course:

Thank you for your valuable feedback.



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Assessment of Academic Course Implementation within "Project Management" Joint Master Program

STUDENTS' SURVEY ANALYSIS REPORT

"Project Management" Joint Master Program

Academic Year: 2017/2018

Teaching and learning:

The main approach towards teaching and learning within the Project Management program has been project based. Students demonstrated their knowledge and skills by developing a specific tourism-related product for a real audience. The aim was to ensure acquisition of practical knowledge.

Thus, students worked in 3 teams on common projects over a semester. This enabled engaging them in solving a real-world problem starting from strategic planning, project scheduling and cost planning. Afterwards, they learnt how to reveal and manage the possible risks and how to evaluate the quality of the project outcomes. Further module enabled them to assess the implementation opportunities in real life. Professors of the last module were experienced in public and private sectors; therefore, their aim was to give overall feedback on projects and explain possible real-life obstacles.

As a result, students developed deep content knowledge as well as critical thinking, creativity, and communication skills (team-working abilities) in the context of doing a meaningful project. Project based learning unleashed a contagious, creative energy among students and teachers.

MODULE	COURSE	
	1 st semester	
Introductory course Foundations of Project Management		
Module 1	Strategic Management	
	Project Scheduling and Cost Planning	
Module 2	Risk Management	
	Project Quality Management	
Module 3	Tourism Planning	
	Tourism Principles and Practices	
	2 nd semester	
Module 4	Destination Analysis & Evaluation	
	Destination Marketing	
Module 5	Negotiation, Mediation, Facilitation and Conflict Resolution	
	Tourism Product Development and Promotion	

The courses were delivered in modules as follows:

Evaluation of implementation:

Above-mentioned 10 mandatory courses and the introductory course "Foundations of Project Management" were assessed.

A survey has been conducted among 14 students of "Project Management" Master degree program. In order to gather objective data, the survey was anonymous. At the end of the first term and upon completion of courses in the second term, the students were asked to fill in an online questionnaire for each course in each module within their studies at ASUE.

The aim of this survey has been to assess students' overall experience, teaching, learning and assessment within academic courses held during the first and second semesters, as well as to improve these aspects.

The assessment questionnaire includes following five sections: 1. General Information; 2. Course Content; 3. Teaching, Learning and Assessment; 4. Learning Materials and resources; 5. Overall experience.

Within the sections "Course Content", "Teaching, Learning and Assessment" and "Learning Materials and Resources" specific statements concerning these are presented. Students are expected to assess the given factors based on their experience. The assessment scale varies from 1 to 4, where 1 is the lowest and 4 is the highest (i.e. 1- "Strongly disagree", 4- "Strongly agree").

Collection of data and analysis:

Section 1: COURSE CONTENT

In total 50 responses were collected. According to the assessment results, in general, students were satisfied with all the factors of the course content (all courses together). The least rate has been given to the last two factors, i.e. "Allocated time and schedule were enough for reaching the course outcomes" and "The course increased my interest in the subject".

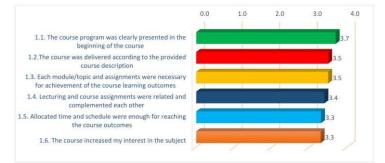


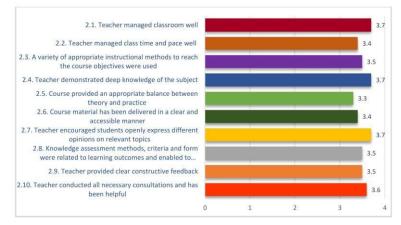
Chart 1. Average rates of the factors on course content

The students especially appreciated the chance to take the introductory course, which was, however, quite short but necessary. Besides, the highest grades were given to the courses in the first module. More specifically, the content of "Strategic Management" course was assessed with the highest points by all the students. As for the "Project Scheduling and Cost Planning" course, the allocated time and schedule received lower rating than 3.3.

Overall, it can be stated that for the most courses students found that mainly the time/schedule was not sufficient for delivery of the study materials and/or learning.

Section 2: TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

Concerning the teaching, learning and assessment, students assessed the factors similarly. They were especially satisfied with the teachers' approach, expertise and that they were encouraged to openly express their opinions during the class and discussions.





However, students emphasize that for some courses (Risk Management and Foundations of Project Management) appropriate balance between theory and practice was not provided.

Over the half of the students found the teachers' teaching methods and styles good, and one third considered it as excellent. Only 18% of students responded that the style and methods of the teacher were either fair or poor (16% and 2% respectively).

As for the open questions, most respondents gave a positive feedback on this aspect, mentioning that they appreciated the variety of practical examples, practical assignments, sharing of experience, answering to their questions, as well as kindness, responsiveness and professionalism of the teaching staff. Moreover, students found that the new methods and approaches of teaching contributed to acquisition of the intended learning outcomes.

On the other hand, some mentioned that there was too much practice/not enough theory.

Section 3: LEARNING MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

For the most classes the students assessed the provision with appropriate resources and teaching materials, as well as environment quite high.

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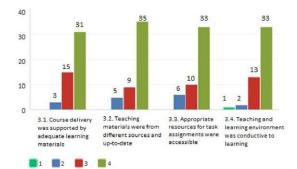


Chart 3. Overall assessment of learning materials and resources

According to the chart, most students reported that the teaching materials (lectures) were from different sources and up-to-date, and that there were adequate resources for the courses. There was a suggestion to take more tests.

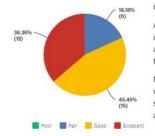


Chart 4. Overall rating of the first semester courses.

As shown on the graph, most students have evaluated the courses as "good", which is followed by "excellent" (about 36%) and "fair" by only 6 respondents, which indicates that some of the courses have to be reviewed and improved.

More specifically, the introductory course and the first module were assessed the highest (excellent and good) by all the students. Second and third modules were mainly rated as "good" and "fair".

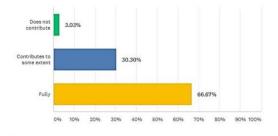


Chart 5. Evaluation of the acquisition of learning outcomes

In order to evaluate the level of acquisition of learning outcomes, a question "To what extent does this course contribute to the acquisition of the course learning outcomes?" was asked, and the following responses have been gathered:

By most of the students, mandatory courses of the first term were rated as valuable, especially the ones in the first module (by all respondents), more than half of the students considered second module to contribute fully, while only one response shows that "Project Quality Management" has not contributed to the learning outcomes. However, the course was related to the "Risk Management" course in the same module and covered similar learning outcomes. As for the four courses in the second semester, since only five responses are yet gathered, the information is not sufficient for an appropriate analysis.

The students have also mentioned several advantages and disadvantages they experienced during their studies at ASUE, and made their own suggestions for further improvement:

Advantages	Disadvantages and suggestions for improvement		
Content-related benefits: - Learning quality management according to PMBOK - Up-to-date information - Getting skills in the MS project and applying it while developing the project. This will be useful also in the future - Useful presentations - Many information and practice about course - The materials (reading) were too much, and the time was too short, however thanks to the teacher's professionalism it was possible to learn it. - The courses were enjoyable and very interesting, provided all necessary information about Project Management. Teachers' knowledge and experience: - The teacher got a huge practical experience in the field (detailed knowledge about the current situation in the field of tourism) Teachers' teaching approach: - Conversations about topics and practice work - Academic freedom Organization: - At ASUE the environment contributed to learning effectively, because the auditorium enabled students to sit around the table and let them feel equal to the teacher	 Time and schedule: Since the time was short for learning, it would be more effective to dedicate more time or all the courses Sometimes also the schedule was not appropriate, and it was exhausting, thus, it would be more effective to plan it in a different way Reading materials were so many, that in such short time it was not possible to read and comprehend everything. Content-related comments: Some topics needed more attention, so it would be great to cover some additionat topics Only financial risks were addressed. 		

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Support letter from the Minister of Education and Science of RA

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To Mr. Koryun Atoyan

Rector of "Armenian State

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Dear Mr. Atoyan,

The RA Ministry of Education and Science stress great importance of the joint master's program "Project Management" in the field of application of tourism, cultural heritage management and Geo Information systems developed by the Armenian State University of Economics, National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia, and Polytechnic University of Valencia, implemented since 2017.

The educational program is innovative and corresponds to criteria of RA higher education system development, it contains university network between Armenian universities, as well as international cooperation between the European universities.

Implementation of such educational programs will contribute to the efficient realization of RA higher education system reforms.

Sincerely,

Arayik Harutyunyan

(acting Minister)

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On this day of the seventh of November, two thousand and eighteen

The true and correct translation is done by the translator Narine Gevorgyan

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<< կործության և գիտության նախարարությունը կարևորում է Հայաստանի պետական տնտեսագիտական համալսարանի, ճարտարապետության և շինարարության Հայաստանի ազգային համալսարանի և Վալենսիայի պոլիտեխնիկական համալսարանի կողմից մշակված և 2017 թվականից իրականացվող «Նախագծերի կառավարում» զբոսաշրջության, մշակութային ժառանգության կառավարման և երկրատեղեկատվական համակարգերի կիրառման ոլորտներում համատեղ մագիստրոսական ծրագիրը։

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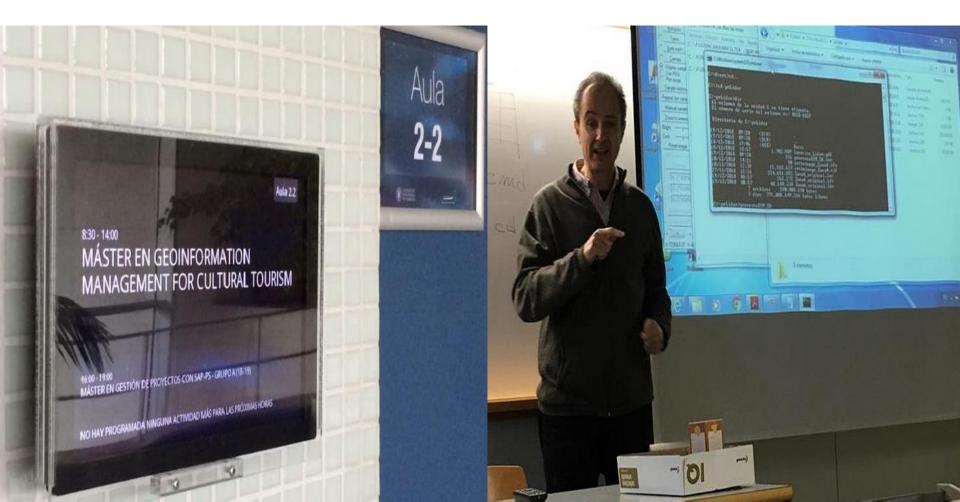
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